GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Departmental Proceedings against Sri P.Ramakoti Appa Rao, the then VRO (now Retd), Narapadu, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District - Violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 – Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 387 **Dated: 01-07-2021.**

Read:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.152, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:01.07.2021.
2. G.O.Ms.No.153, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:01.07.2021.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanctioned accorded in the reference 1st cited, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri P.Ramakoti Appa Rao, the then VRO (now Retd), Narapadu, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure—I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure – III & IV).

3. Sri P.Ramakoti Appa Rao, the then VRO (now Retd), Narapadu, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri P.Ramakoti Appa Rao, the then VRO (now Retd), Narapadu, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P.Ramakoti Appa Rao, the then VRO (now Retd), Narapadu, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para—3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P.Ramakoti Appa Rao, the then VRO (now Retd), Narapadu, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri P.Ramakoti Appa Rao, the then VRO (now Retd), Narapadu, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. USHARANI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P.Ramakoti Appa Rao, the then VRO (now Retd), Narapadu, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam.
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PETHAKAMSETTY RAMAKOTI APPA RAO, S/o. SRI RAMU NAIDU, V.R.O., (RETIRED ON 30-03-2020), NARAPADU VILLAGE, O/o. TAHSILDAR, SABBAVARAM MANDAL VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

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That Sri Pethakamsetty Rama Koti Appa Rao, S/o. Sri Ramu Naidu joined in Revenue Department on 10.02.1992 as Village Assistant Officer and promoted as Village Revenue Officer and worked at office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram and while working as Village Revenue officer, Narapadu Village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district from 12-06-2012 to 24-01-2020, he had committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:

Sri Pethakamsetty Ramakoti Appa Rao, while functioning as Village Revenue Officer, Narapadu Village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam has failed to distribute 3 e-pass books to the title holders i.e., 1) Smt. Thota Pydamma, 2) Sri Konatala Atchibabu and 3) Sri Gorli Appala Naidu which are kept pending with him.

Thus, Sri Pethakamsetty Ramakoti Appa Rao, while working as a Village Revenue Officer, Narapadu village, O/o. the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service and violated rule 3 (1) and (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 r/w Rule 9(2) (b) (ii) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as he was retired from service on 30-03-2020.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PETHAKAMSETTY RAMAKOTI APPA RAO, S/o. SRI RAMU NAIDU, V.R.O., NARAPADU, (NOW RETIRED) O/o TAHSILDAR, SABBAVARAM MANDAL VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

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Sri Pethakamsetty Rama Koti Appa Rao, S/o. Sri Ramu Naidu is a native of Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district. His date of birth is 04-03-1960. He entered into Government service on 10.02.1992 as Village Assistant Officer. He got promotion as Village Revenue Officer and posted as Village Revenue Officer, Narapadu Village O/o the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district. He was retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.03.2020. He is hereinafter referred to as Retired Government Servant (G.S.).

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant (now retired) while functioning as Village Revenue Officer, Narapadu Village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district has failed to distribute 3 e-pass books to the title holders i.e., 1) Smt. Thota Pydamma, 2) Sri Konatala Atchibabu and 3) Sri Gorli Appala Naidu which are kept pending with him.

Facts and Evidence:

On credible information that the staff of Tahsildar office, Sabbavaram are indulging in irregular practices by abusing their official position, the ACB staff conducted surprise check on the office of Tahsildar, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam district from 11.45 hours to 23.00 hours on 24.01.2020.

During searches, total 134 E-Pattadar Pass Books and title deeds received from Madras Security Printers Pvt. Ltd., 72, TH Road, near Tollgate Bus Depot., Chennai are found. Out of which, 62 Pass books were found with Sri Seeramreddy Ravi, VRO of A.Sirasapalli, Bangarammapalem, Tekkalipalem and Rayapura Agraharam, 64 pass books were found with Sri A. Bhaskara Rao, VRO of Gotivada, Gali Bhimavaram, Paidiwada and P. Agraharam, 03 pass books were found with Sri M. Krishna Kumar, VRO of Vangali, 03 pass books were found with Sri Pethakamsetti Ramakoti Appa Rao (Retired Government Servant), VRO of Nagapadu and 02 pass books of Batajangalapalem Village and Nallaregulapalem village. On verification of the pass book distribution register, it is found that out of 134, only details of 57 were found entered and the remaining 77 were not entered in the register. All the 134 are kept with them without handing over to the farmers. The list of pass books found with Government Servant (Now Retired) is appended below.

Sl.No.	Khata No	Name of the Applicant	Name of the Village
1	1571	Thota Pydamma	Narapadu
2	250	Konathala Atchibabu	Batajangalapalem
3	466	Gorli Appalanaidu	Batajangalapalem

All the Pattadar Pass books cum Title Deeds are handed over to the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram.

During surprise check, the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam secured the presence of Sri Patchipala Polaraju, S/o. late Appa Rao, 45 yrs., Deputy Tahsildar (Inam) O/o. Revenue Divisional Office, Visakhapatnam to assist the ACB officials in verification of the documents and on examination, he stated that as per the instructions of DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam, he has verified E-Pass Book Distribution Register and found that E-Pass Book Distribution Register not maintained properly.

As per G.O.Ms.No.415 (Rev.(Ser-III) Department, Dt.26.09.2019 of Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Village Revenue Officer (Grade-I & Grade – II) is responsible for enquire into the applications and submit his/her report to the competent authority and after receipt of e-pass books he has to distribute to the applicants.

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Therefore, Sri Pethakamsetty Ramakoti Appa Rao, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Narapadu Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district has failed to distribute 3 e-pass books to the title holders, which are kept pending with him.

Thus, the Retired Government Servant Sri Pethakamsetty Ramakoti Appa Rao, while working as a Village Revenue Officer, Narapadu Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of member of service and violated Rule 3(1) and (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w under Rules 9(2)(b)(ii) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as he was retired from service on 30-03-2020.

The Retired Government Servant Sri Pethakamsetty Ramakoti Appa Rao, S/o. Sri Ramu Naidu, while working as a Village Revenue Officer, Narapadu Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district has therefore rendered himself liable for departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PETHAKAMSETTY RAMAKOTI APPA RAO, S/o. SRI RAMU NAIDU, V.R.O., NARAPADU, (NOW RETIRED) O/o TAHSILDAR, SABBAVARAM MANDAL VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1. Surprise check proceedings dated 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam.
2. A made up file relating to applications received by Tahsildar, Sabbavaram from 01.07.2019 to 23.01.2020, which were downloaded through dashboard containing 165 sheets.
3. E-Pass Book Distribution Register.
4. Letter Rc.No.14/2019/SA dated 03.02.2020 of Tahsildar, Sabbavaram.
5. Letter Rc.No.1786/2020/SDT(I), dated.21.08.2020 of Revenue Divisional Officer, Visakhapatnam.
6. Letter Rc.No.1184/2020A1, dt.27.08.2020 of the District Collector, Visakhapatnam.
7. Letter Rc.No.1670/2020/G/Dt:31.08.2020 of Revenue Divisional Officer, Visakhapatnam along with copies of G.O.Ms.No.3 Dt.5.1.1990, G.O.Ms.No.20 Dt.21-01-2016 and G.O.Ms.No.415 of Revenue Department, Govt. of A.P.
8. Any other document required to prove the charge.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PETHAKAMSETTY RAMAKOTI APPA RAO, S/o. SRI RAMU NAIDU, V.R.O., NARAPADU, (NOW RETIRED) O/o TAHSILDAR, SABBAVARAM MANDAL VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1) Sri Gongala Koteswara Rao, S/o. Late Srirama Chandra Murthy, Administrative Officer, O/o. Dy. Transport Commissioner, Visakhapatnam R/o. D.No.6-15-17/2, East Point Colony, Near Sai Baba Temple, China Waltair, Visakhapatnam. (Mediator-I)
2) Sri Vasapalli Dhanaraj, S/o. Late Nalayya, 43 yrs, Senior Assistant, O/o. Dy. Transport Commissioner, Visakhapatnam R/o. D.No.44-31-86/52, Suribabu Nagar, Saligramapuram, Visakhapatnam.(Mediator-II)
3) Sri Patchipala Polaraju, S/o. late Appa Rao, 45 Yrs, Deputy Tahsildar (Inam), O/o. Revenue Divisional Officer, Visakhapatnam, R/o. Flat No.104, 9th Block, Yeduvamsiayathanam apartment, Prasathinagar, Pendurthy, VSP (Official witness).
4) Sri K. Ranga Raju, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam.
5) Sri S. Ramesh, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam.
6) Any other witness required to prove the charge.

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